

**MICHIGAN STATE HOUSING DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
OFFICE OF SUPPORTIVE HOUSING AND HOMELESS INITIATIVES**

***Michigan's Campaign to End Homelessness Housing Initiatives*
NOTICE OF FUNDING AVAILABILITY (NOFA)
2008-2009**

Michigan's Campaign to End Homelessness is entering into year two of its ten-year vision to end homelessness. Michigan continues to stand out among the nation as the only statewide model designed and committed to ending homelessness. At the core of this Campaign is the creation and implementation of over 60 local 10-Year Plans to End Homelessness.

The Continua of Care 10-Year plans are set, the leadership is in place, and the local champions are ready. Year two of the Campaign will focus on the implementation of these plans. Agencies are implementing strategies for their community that embrace a Housing First methodology. Resources for engaging and rapidly re-housing the homeless are being distributed and established throughout the state. There are still many challenges, including a need for further resources that can be targeted to provide permanent housing for those most in need.

With this in mind, the Michigan State Housing Development Authority (MSHDA) is committed to support those communities who are implementing their 10-Year Plans to End Homelessness and have identified the need for additional housing related supports. For Fiscal Year 2008-09 MSHDA has allocated state and federal resources to support the following five (5) initiatives. Funds are a combination of MSHDA Reserves and federal HOME funds.

Initiative	State Allocation	Maximum Grant Amount	Use of Funds
Chronic Homeless	\$3,000,000	\$500,000	Supportive Housing Development
Domestic Violence	\$2,000,000	\$500,000	Supportive Housing Development
Homeless Youth	\$1,500,000	\$500,000	Supportive Housing Development
Homeless Families	\$5,500,000	\$1,000,000	Supportive Housing Development
Housing First	\$1,000,000	\$125,000	Housing First activities that are directly tied to reductions in shelter stays.
TOTAL:	\$13,000,000		

Selection Criteria:

Specific information on each of these funding opportunities will be released on November 1, 2007. (Please refer to the attached timeline for details.) MSHDA will evaluate applications for homeless initiatives in accordance with the principles and requirements discussed in the NOFA to be released. Under no circumstances does any application have legal right to these grant dollars. The allocation of homeless initiative grant dollars shall be entirely at the discretion of the Authority. All communities are eligible to apply for one or all of the initiatives. Projects that demonstrate an ability to proceed timely will receive preference.

Regional Selection Distribution:

Applicants will be selected competitively based on a scoring criteria outlined in each of the five (5) specific Request for Proposal documents to be released November 1, 2007. Funds will be distributed throughout the State, with attempts made to assure that each region of the state has at least one project funded, provided acceptable proposals are submitted from each region. Regional support of the submissions will be required.

Each initiative has a specific target population, use of funds, and outcomes that communities are expected to achieve. Our timeframe for response and commitment of funds is outlined in the attached timeline – with an expectation that grants will be committed no later than February 1, 2008, with implementation occurring by March 1, 2008.

Use of Funds:

With the exception of the Housing First Initiative, funds made available must be used for the development of permanent supportive housing targeted to the specific population(s) indicated within each initiative. Non-profit service organizations that have limited or no experience in housing development are encouraged to partner with local supportive housing developers, community development corporations (CDC's), or affordable housing developers. These funds may be used as additional subsidy for a larger supportive housing project or for the purchase/construction of single family homes, duplexes, or small apartment buildings. Specific uses and underwriting criteria will be defined within the materials to be released November 1, 2007.